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1. KORNIYENKO CALLED ME IN THE EVENING OF JUNE 25 AND STATED THAT HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO HAND ME A NOTE PROTESTING THE JUNE 22 DEMONSTRATION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

NO. 49/USA

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO STATE TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE FOLLOWING.

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THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN SIDE HAS ALREADY MANY TIMES IN THE PAST BEEN DRAWN TO THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE USA OF ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET UNION WHO OBSTRUCT THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE EMBASSY AND OTHER SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS, AND ALSO THREATEN THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF SOVIET CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES. IN CONNECTION WITH THESE STATEMENTS THE AMERICAN SIDE, AS IS KNOWN, GAVE FIRM ASSURANCES--IN SOME CASES AT A HIGH LEVEL--THAT NECESSARY MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN FOR THE COMPLETE PREVENTION OF SUCH ACTIVITY AND THE SEVERE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO ARE GUILTY.

AS THE FACTS SHOW, HOWEVER, HOOLIGAN ACTS DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS CONTINUE AND IN SOME CASES TAKE ON AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CHARACTER. THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR IN WASHINGTON AND THE USSR MISSION TO THE US HAVE MADE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING SUCH INCIDENTS. BUT NEVERTHELESS THE SITUATION DOES NOT CHANGE.

IN RECENT DAYS, ANTI-SOVIET DEMONSTRATIONS AND HOSTILE ACTS BY ZIONISTS AGAINST THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAVE SHARPLY INCREASED AND HAVE BECOME PRACTICALLY CONSTANT. IN RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIONS BY THE EMBASSY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT EACH TIME PROMISES ONLY TO "LOOK INTO THE MATTER," AND DOES NOT TAKE ANY KIND OF MEASURES TO STOP THESE ACTS. NEITHER THE CITY POLICE NOR THE POLICE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE EMBASSY IN ANY WAY HINDER THE UNRESTRAINED ZIONIST HOOLIGANS EVEN THOUGH IN WASHINGTON THERE ARE LAWS FORBIDDING DEMONSTRATIONS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A POSITION BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE ILLUSTRATED BY THE OUTRAGES PERPETRATED AGAINST THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR ON JUNE 22 OF THIS YEAR, WHEN CRIMINAL ELEMENTS NOT ONLY CONDUCTED A DEMONSTRATION HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET UNION BUT ALSO IN EFFECT UNDERTOOK AN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET EMBASSY. THEY THREW STONES, BOTTLES OF PAINT AND OTHER OBJECTS AT THE EMBASSY AND ONTO ITS GROUNDS, CAUSING MATERIAL DAMAGE.

THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND ORGANS BEARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF THE EMBASSY AND ITS PERSONNEL DID NOTHING TO PREVENT THE DEMONSTRATION. SUCH AN ATTITUDE BY OFFICIAL AUTH-
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ORITIES IS ALL THE MORE INTOLERABLE SINCE THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ABOUT THE PROVOCATIONS BEING PREPARED. THE EMBASSY ESPECIALLY ADDRESSED ITSELF TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THIS THE PREVIOUS DAY.

THUS IT IS QUITE APPARENT THAT ALL OF THESE OUTRAGES AND PROVOCATIONS DIRECTED AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE POSITION OF CONNIVANCE AND NONINTERFERENCE TAKEN BY THE

AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. SUCH A POSITION BY THE AUTHORITIES DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND IN NO WAY ACCORDS WITH THE POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WHICH IS PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR PROTESTS AND DEMANDS THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR ASSURING THE UNHINDERED WORK OF SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE SECURITY OF CITIZENS OF THE USSR IN THE USA IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PRACTICE OF NORMAL RELATIONS AMONG STATES. THE MINISTRY INSISTS ON THE STRICT PUNISHMENT OF ALL THOSE GUILTY OF THE STATED PROVOCATIVE ACTS AND EMPHASIZES THAT THE MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED THE EMBASSY AND ITS GROUNDS MUST BE COMPENSATED FULLY BY THE AMERICAN SIDE.

MOSCOW, JUNE 25, 1974

END TEXT.

3. AFTER PRESENTING THE NOTE, KORNIYENKO (WHO SEEMED SOMEWHAT AGITATED) ADDED ORAL COMMENTS. HE ASSERTED THAT EVERY DAY THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND THE EMBASSY WHO INTERFERE WITH ITS OPERATION. HE ASSERTED THAT THERE WERE PLENTY OF WARNING ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATIONS, INCLUDING NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY AND THE WARNING PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY. NEVERTHELESS THE AUTHORITIES DID NOT LIFT A FINGER TO PREVENT THE DAMAGE. HE SPECIFICALLY LAID RESPONSIBILITY ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS OTHER AUTHORITIES. KORNIYENKO MADE INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BETWEEN INCIDENTS OF THIS SORT AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE "PRETENSIONS" OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ABOUT ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT TAKES A "VERY SERIOUS VIEW" OF THIS MATTER AND EXPECTS NOT ONLY A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPLY BUT ALSO EXPECTS THAT EFFECTIVE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO REMEDY THE SITUATION.

4. I SAID I WOULD OF COURSE REPORT THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTE AND KORNIYENKO'S REMARKS, BUT WOULD LEAVE ANY DETAILED DISCUSSION FOR LATER. I ADDED THAT ON THE BASIS OF AN INITIAL REPORT FROM WASHINGTON I KNEW THAT REGRETS HAD BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO WHICH I WISHED TO ADD MY OWN REGRETS. I SAID I SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH PROTECTION OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY. I COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT THE INCIDENT WAS A RESULT OF LACK OF ATTENTION OR INTEREST ON THE PART OF U.S. AUTHORITIES, AND I WAS SURE THEY HAD DONE ALL THEY COULD UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO PREVENT IT. IT WAS ESPECIALLY REGRETABLE COMING AT THIS TIME, AND I WAS SURE THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY ALSO REGRETED THIS OCCURRENCE. I EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT EVERYTHING

POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

5. AFTER AGAIN ASSERTING THAT NO MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO
PREVENT THE INCIDENT, KORNIYENKO MOVED ON TO OTHER SUBJECTS.
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